

Tom Torlakson, California State Senator

Senator Tom Torlakson represents the 7th Senate District, which includes most of Contra Costa County. He is Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee and Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Bay Area Infrastructure.

Tom's career in public service began as a science teacher in 1972. After building a strong reputation as an effective community leader, he was elected to the Antioch City Council in 1978. He was first elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in 1980 and achieved a 99.9% attendance record at Board meetings over four terms spanning 16 years. Tom was elected to 11th Assembly District in 1996 and was re-elected in 1998. Tom became a leader in education and public safety while fighting for transportation improvements and a balance between jobs and affordable housing. Tom was elected to the 7th Senate District in 2000.